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BASKETBALL TEAM TO PLAY 13 CONTESTS

Seven Home and Six Road Games Announced For 1929-30 Court Squad

ST. STEPHENS LISTED

Hudson Valley Institution Is Only New Opponent Scheduled

Thirteen games, one more than last year, are listed on a 1929-30 basketball schedule of seven home encounters and six road contests announced by the Hamilton College Athletic Department Tuesday night.

The substitution of home-and-home contracts with Rochester and St. Lawrence for Clark University and R. P. I., two of the weakest opponents on the 1928-29 schedule, is expected to provide keener competition. Last season, Rochester and the Larries were opposed only once. St. Stephens has been added as the only new opponent, and Toronto has been dropped in favor of a second game with Alfred.

The season gets under way with four home contests, one in December with St. Lawrence; two in January with Alfred and Clarkson, and one in February with Rochester. The first road trip, a northern invasion against St. Lawrence and Clarkson, is scheduled for the week-end of Feb. 7. The season concludes the same month, with Trinity, St. Stephens and Union slated for appearances in Soper Gymnasium and Alfred; Rochester, Buffalo and Hobart providing road opposition.

With only one letter man missing, former captain John R. Normile, Coach Weber is looking forward to one of the best seasons in years. In addition to six letter men, Crowley, Morris and Hiler, forwards; Joseph Normile, center; and Sherman and Captain Carpenter, guards, the team will probably be strengthened by the addition of Rienzo, a Syracuse transfer, and former Rome Free Academy star, who was prevented from playing last season by the one year rule, and Pritchard, a member of this year's frosh squad. It is likewise possible that Pope, who has heretofore been troubled by a bad arm, will be in the running. Lack of a good place to practice; some difficulty in replacing former Captain Normile with a man of equal scoring potentialities, and finally the small size of practically every man on the squad, are the chief obstacles to success.

The coming season will be the third under the tutelage of Mox A. Weber, Oberlin. During the past two seasons the basketball team has showed considerable improvement, usually more in the closeness of the scores than in the number of teams defeated. A close game at Schenectady and a victory over Buffalo at Clinton were the features of the past season.

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WAS LOS COMPLETES ITS SPRING TAPPING

Crowley, Morris, Wilson, Allen Stevens, Pope Honored

Starting a week ago Tuesday, Was Los, the junior honorary society, began its Spring tapping from the class of 1931, and Monday completed its work with the traditional fountain bath.

The first man to be trampled underfoot was Francis J. Crowley, who is also a member of Quadrangle Club, D. T. Club, varsity football team, varsity basketball team, varsity baseball team, the staff of Hamilton **Life,** and is president of the sophomore class.

L. G. Morris was the next choice and is likewise a member of Quadrangle, D. T., and the three major teams. R. L. Wilson, W. H. Allen and M. D. Stevens were chosen on the three succeeding mornings. All are members of Quadrangle Club and D. T. Club. Wilson and Allen are members of the varsity football team, and Stevens and Wilson are on the varsity hockey team.

John Pope was the sixth man chosen, receiving his baptism in the college fountain as a result.

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LAMBDA CHI MEETING

About 15 representatives of the New York State and Toronto Chapters of Lambda Chi Alpha, together with national officers, gathered at the Lambda Chi Alpha House here Saturday at a special meeting.

Representatives were present from Toronto, Colgate, Union, Syracuse and Cornell.

Basketball Schedule

Jan. 17—St. Lawrence at Clinton.
Jan. 9—Alfred at Clinton.
Jan. 17—Clarkson at Clinton.
Feb. 4—Rochester at Clinton.
Feb. 7—St. Lawrence at Canton.
Feb. 8—Clarkson at Potsdam.
Feb. 14—St. Stephens at Clinton.
Feb. 15—Trinity at Clinton.
Feb. 20—Alfred at Alfred.
Feb. 21—Rochester at Rochester.
Feb. 22—Buffalo at Buffalo.
Feb. 26—Union at Clinton.
Feb. 28—Hobart at Geneva.

Current Issue of Lit Upholds Reputation

By Paul V. Combs

The current number of Hamilton's time-honored **Literary Magazine** invites a few brief reflections, most of which are wholly pleasant. Appearing quietly and with a measure of dignity on a campus that is just now not alarmingly literate, the fourth version of the rehabilitated **Lit** exhibits all the symptoms of permanence. It is indeed true that the magazine's financial stability is slightly more reassuring in this connection than the prospect of impending literary efflorescence; but that is less a cause for alarm than for jubilance. Let us have money to energize the printing press and no sonneteer shall waste his fragrance on the desert air.

But with the persistence of the **Lit** assured by its sound business organization, what warrant have we for the security of its reputation? Can and will the magazine survive on its merits? An answer is to be found in the latest issue. Here, in the variety of material and in the representative nature of its contents, is a tacit affirmation of its legitimacy. Literary effort at Hamilton College may rise above mediocrity with an infrequency that is painful. It may even fail to achieve the respectability of the commonplace. But the **Lit** has undeniably demonstrated the possibilities we have. For in four succeeding issues over a period of a year we have been offered contributions toward which a not hypercritical reader might be, in most cases, reasonably indulgent. Particularly is there cause for our moderated optimism in a consideration of belles-lettres in other colleges and universities.

The leading article in the April-May number is **Bones,** a play in one act, by Z. L. Macmillan. Based on a fanciful, if not wholly impossible idea, involving the discovery of the bones of Christ by a group of British soldiers in Palestine, the piece is well executed and effective. Its frankly melodramatic flavor would assure it of an audience, should it ever reach the amateur stage. Two stort stories, **My Daughter Says,** by Franklin H. Deaner, an underclassman, and **A Family Conference,** by Vernon A. Ives complete the fiction. Of the two, the first is the more creditably conceived.

There is an abundance of matter of the meatier variety, ranging from oratory to translation from the Greek. Frederick D. Eddy's **International Education** is an example of the better type of work produced by our multitudinous declamation chapels; its conclusion is the more compelling for having had its origin in personal experience. Louis C. Jones contributes a paper which treats, appreciatively, of **Langston Hughes, Negro and Poet.** The discerning reader may perceive an excessive enthusiasm in the writer's apology for the negro author. To this we must attribute the wealth of quotation, little of which serves to validate the leading contention of the article. Mr. Jones' chief error, however, lies in such gestures as this: "By some anomaly of human nature, the figure of the street-walker has ever been a source of inspiration to the poet." Like the emancipated **Haverfordian's** review of the **Well of Loneliness,** this is too avoidable a pitfall to warrant comment.

A Cobb Prize Essay on **Tabloid Journalism** by Francis E. Mineka, is quite properly disdainful of the objectionable phenomenon. Mr. Mineka's contribution, which was awarded a prize in 1928, is significant as being representative of the type of work done in essay competitions every year. **Intelligensia,** by Robert W. Cruser, apparently heralds the irruption of Royal Gaboon tactics into the austere **Lit;** which, in the light of its editorial opinion, is rather an inconsistency.

The skit, despite its superiority to many of the college comic aberrations, justifies its inclusion—if at all—by virtue of its enlivening effect. Mr. Cruser's sonnet, **Wanderlust,** is rather more worthy of him. Sonnets by Dean H. Elliott, Philip V. Rogers

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Two College Records Fall As Buff and Blue Track Team Easily Defeats Rochester and St. Lawrence Saturday

Hamilton Athletes Capture First Place in Every Track Event To More Than Double Score of Opposition — Ford Lowers Mark in Low Hurdles and 220-Yard Dash

Two college records were broken and a third tied by Ford, Buff and Blue track star, as Hamilton defeated St. Lawrence and Rochester in a triangular meet here Saturday, to end the 1929 season. Winning first place in every track event, the Buff and Blue piled up a score of 84 points, more than equaling the combined scores of St. Lawrence, with 53½ points, and Rochester, with 23½.

Ford was easily the star of the meet, with three first positions, in the 100-yard dash, the 220 straight-away, and the low hurdles, events in which he has not been defeated this season. He nosed out Percy of St. Lawrence in the former to equal the college record of 9 9-10 seconds, and in a beautiful sprint in the last 25 yards of the 220, came from behind to break the tape just ahead of Percy, clipping one-tenth of a second from the previous college record. He finished ahead of Garland of Rochester in the low hurdles, covering the distance in 25 7-10 seconds. This broke Cutter's record of last year by one-tenth of a second.

CUTTER AGAIN VICTORIOUS

After an absence, due to injuries suffered in the Alfred meet three weeks ago, Cutter came back in fine style to take first position in the high hurdles and third in the low hurdles.

Similar excellent performances by the distance men gave Hamilton first positions in the mile, two-mile, 880-yard run and the 440-yard run. In the mile, Clark, Grubb and Lathrop of Hamilton led all the way and crossed the finish line together, some distance ahead of Braal of Rochester, who took fourth. Clark and White took the two-mile run in the same way, and Lathrop led George of St. Lawrence by 10 yards, to win the half mile event. Aderhold and Denham of Hamilton took first and second places in the quarter.

New Seasonal Record

Captain De Sormo set a new seasonal record of 167 feet, 3 inches in the javelin throw, though failing to break the college record of 179 feet, 9½ inches, made by him last year.

Carson tied for first position with Farrington of St. Lawrence in the high jump, clearing the bar at 5 feet, 6 inches. A second position was taken by Hamilton in each of the other field events.

This victory concluded the season in fine style and much credit is due Coach Winters. Presented with the problem of building a team from practically all new material, particularly in the field events, together with injuries to several men which prevented active participation in some of the meets, he has made the best of a rather poor situation.

Summary:

100-Yard Dash — Won by Ford, Hamilton; second, Percy, St. Lawrence; third, Metz, Rochester; fourth, Frazee, Hamilton. Time — 9 9-10 seconds.

Mile Run — Clark, Hamilton; Lathrop, Hamilton; Grubb, Hamilton, tied for first; Braal, Rochester, fourth. Time — 5 minutes 1 4-10 seconds.

220-Yard Dash — Won by Ford, Hamilton; Percy, St. Lawrence, second; Frazee, Hamilton, third; Hoehn, Rochester, fourth. Time — 21 8-10 seconds.

High Hurdles — Won by Cutter, Hamilton; Gartland, Rochester, second; Hoyt, St. Lawrence third; VanLoon, Hamilton, fourth. Time—16 2-10 seconds.

440-Yard Run—Won by Aderhold, Hamilton; Denham, Hamilton, second; Calafati, St. Lawrence, third; Calder, St. Lawrence, fourth. Time—54 3-10 seconds.

Two-Mile Run — Clark, Hamilton, and White, Hamilton, tied for frist; Meng, St. Lawrence, third; Schermerhorn, Rochester, fourth. Time—11 minutes, 15 2-10 seconds.

Low Hurdles — Won by Ford, Hamilton; Garland, Rochester, second; Cutter, Hamilton, third; Hoyt, St. Lawrence fourth. Time—25 7-10 seconds.

880-Yard Run — Won by Lathrop, Hamilton; George, St. Lawrence, second; Douglas, Hamilton, third; Calder, St. Lawrence, fourth. Time — 2 minutes, 7 4-10 seconds.

One-Mile Relay—Won by Hamilton; St. Lawrence, second; Rochester, third. Time—3 minutes, 39 4-10 seconds.

Shot Put — Won by Grant of St. Lawrence; Capello, St. Lawrence, second; Thatcher Rochester, third; Lemieux, St. Lawrence, fourth. Distance—40 feet, 6 inches.

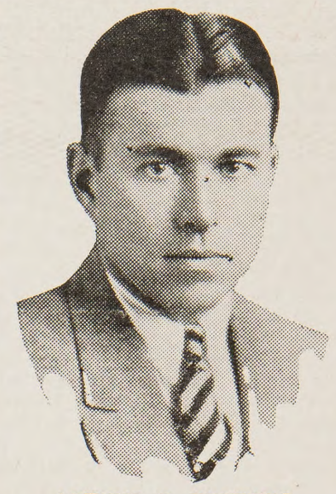
Pole Vault — Won by Brown, St. Lawrence; Jayne, Hamilton, second; Carlisle, Hamilton, third; Raseback, St. Lawrence fourth. Distance — 10 feet, 10 inches.

Discus Throw — Won by Thatcher, Rochester; Tucker, Hamilton, second; Capello, St. Lawrence, third; Grant, St. Lawrence, fourth. Distance—104 feet, 9½ inches.

High Jump — Carson, Hamilton, and Farrington, St. Lawrence, tied for first; Wilson, Rochester, Coughlin, St. Lawrence, tied for third. Height—5 feet, 6 inches.

Javelin Throw—Won by DeSormo, Hamilton; Hay, St. Lawrence, second; Hart, Rochester, third; Thatcher, Rochester, fourth. Distance — 167 feet, 3 inches.

Broad Jump — Won by Percy, St. Lawrence; Fischer, Hamilton, second; Coughlin, St. Lawrence third; Calafati St. Lawrence, fourth. Distance —20 feet, 7 inches.



ARTHUR R. WINTERS

TRACK TEAM ENDS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Best Record in Fifteen Years Annexed By 1929 Athletes

Capping the track season with a decisive victory in the triangular meet with Rochester and St. Lawrence here last Saturday, the Buff and Blue track team succeeded in winning both a dual and a triangular meet in the same year, a feat that no Hamilton track squad has done since 1923.

The track squad, under Coach Winter's direction, showed great improvement from last year, although through loss by injuries of former Captain Cutter, hurdler and broad-jumper, and of Hartman, in the pole vault, it was unable to show up wel. early in the season against Alfred and R. P. I. The distance men were very mediocre in the first two meets of the year, but showed decided improvement in taking every first place in their events in the last two meets.

The team was noticeably weak in the weight and field events. Absence of Schneider and Puglisi was felt in the early part of the season but the good performance of Tucker in the discus, DeSormo in the javelin and shotput; Carlisle and Jayne in the pole vault, and Carson in the high jump, managed to aid the team materially.

Against Rochester and at the triangular meet last Saturday, the tracksters placed first in every event but one, while in the field events it failed to do any outstanding work. As there is considerable promising distance material in the freshman class and also good material in the weight events in the underclasses while only five lettermen will be lost to the squad prospects for a good track team next year are bright.

This year has been the final season of two Hamilton track captains, DeSormo and Cutter, each of whom holds a college record; DeSormo having hurled the javelin 179 feet 9½ inches, and Cutter having taken the high hurdles in 16 seconds. With them go three other seniors; Clark, White and Douglas, all distance men.

Three men who proved their versatility this year were Captain De Sormo in the shot put, the discus and the high hurdles; Ford, who swept all first places in all four meets in the 100 and 220-yard dashes and the low hurdles, and Lathrop, who masterfully ran in the half mile, the quarter, and the mile relay. The sensational finish of the season in the meet last Saturday was furnished when Cutter, who has been unable to compete in the hurdles and the broad jump in the previous meets came through to take the high hurdles and to place third in the low hurdles, while Ford brilliantly outclassed his star opponent, Percy, in the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

In the list of the best performances of all teams of the season, Hamilton claims six out of the 14 events, a superior percentage over its closest opponent, Alfred, who has four of the best records for the year. The list of best performances by all teams as compiled is:

Track

100—Ford (H), 9:9.
220—Ford (H), 21.8.
440—Steele (A), 52.4.
880—Lathrop (H), 2:07:1.
Mile—Getz (A), 4:31.
Two-Mile—Getz (A) 10:05:2; H. H., Cutter (H) 16:2; L. H., Ford, (H), 25:7.

Field

Shot-Put—Grant (St. L.), 40 feet, 6 inches.
Discus—Olander (A), 112 feet.
Javelin—DeSormo (H), 167 feet, three inches.

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IVES ELECTED TO HEAD PI DELTA EPSILON

Newly Elected Lit Editor Is Chosen to Lead Journalistic Fraternity

OTHER OFFICERS CHOSEN

Eighteen New Members Inducted at Annual Banquet In Utica Hotel

Vernon A. Ives, editor of the Hamilton Literary Magazine and managing editor of **Life** was elected president of Pi Delta Epsilon, at the annual banquet in Hotel Martin, Monday night. Other officers include David H. Beetle, editor-in-chief of **Life,** vice president; Frederic N. Davis, editor of the freshman handbook, secretary; Clarence B. Fraser, business manager of the 1930 Hamiltonian, treasurer.

Brief talks were given by the retiring officers, the new president and Vincent S. Jones '28, alumni member.

Eighteen new members, pledged at a special meeting of the fraternity after chapel Wednesday morning, were initiated.

The list includes Milton A. Carvallio, '30, business manager of the Royal Gaboon; Joseph Ferlo, '30, business manager of the 1929 Handbook,and a member of the **Life** board; Louis C. Jones, '30, a member of the boards of the Hamilton Literary Magazine, of the 1930 Hamiltonian, and of the 1929 Handbook; Donald S. McNeil, '30, chairman of the Press Board; John H. Niemeyer, '30 a member of the board of the 1929 Handbook, and managing editor of the Hamilton Literary Magazine; Crosby T. Smelzer, '30, business manager of the Lit; Robert L. Webster, '30, a member of the boards of the Royal Gaboon, of the 1929 Handbook and of the 1930 Hamiltonian.

Severin Bourne, '31, is a member of the 1930 Hamiltonian board; assistant business manager of the Royal Gaboon and business manager of the 1930 Hamiltonian; Harold Conger, '31, a member of the Royal Gaboon board and assistant business manager of the Lit; Kenneth Carberry, '31, a member of the **Life** board, of Press Board and circulation manager of the 1930 Hamiltonian; Robert W. Cruser, '31, a member of the boards of the Lit, the Royal Gaboon and the 1930 Hamiltonian; Lewis Marvin, '31, a member of the **Life** board, of the Press Board, and managing editor of the 1930 Hamiltonian; Jefferson Meagher, '31, a member of the **Life,** the 1930 Hamiltonian and Press Boards. Robert Musial, '31, a member of the Press Gaboon, 1930 Hamiltonian boards; T. Walter Persson, '31, editor-in-chief of the 1930 Hamiltonian, and a member of the **Life** board; Robert L. Wilson, '31, assistant business manager of **Life;** W. LaVerne Baldwin, '31, a member of the **Life,** Press, the 1931 Hamiltonian boards, and Charles Symonds, '31, art editor of the Royal Gaboon and of the 1931 Hamiltonian.

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LAST BASEBALL GAME

State Teachers, Winners of Two Games, Last Opponents

Winding up the baseball season on the home diamond, the Buff and Blue will face the New York State Teachers nine on Thursday. With Allan pitching airtight ball, State has captured two victories in its first two starts, scoring 12 runs while the losers touched Allan for only one.

In the two games Allan fanned 29 men, yielded eight hits and walked six men. In the second game Kucyzynski, hard-hitting third baseman, poled out a home run, a double and a single in three official trips to the plate.

ROCHESTER DEFEATS BUFF AND BLUE NINE

Hill Players Suffer Reversal At Hands of Former Victims

The University of Rochester blanked the Hill nine here Monday, 8-0, to atone for a stinging defeat administered them by the Buff and Blue earlier in the season. Rochester pounded the deliveries of Calkins and Knox for nine hits, driving the former from the mound in the eighth inning. Inability to hit Kenyon, the Rochester twirler, and several costly errors in the field kept victory out of reach of the Hamilton team.

A single by Rago, the first man at bat for the visitors followed by a triple to deep right by Straub, accounted for Rochester's first run. They again tallied in the sixth and netted four more in the seventh with singles by Zornow, Rago, and Norris, coupled with errors by the Hamilton fielders. Rago doubled for his third hit of the game in the eighth to score Zornow and Watts, who had previously drawn free passes. Summary:

Hamilton.	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Morris, ss.	4	0	1	1	2	0
Crowley, 2b.	4	0	0	3	3	0
Knox, rf.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Chatfield, c.	4	0	2	8	2	0
Eggleston, 3b.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Hand, 1b.	3	0	0	8	2	0
Calkins, p.	2	0	0	1	0	1
Rozell, rf.	2	0	0	2	0	1
Law, lf.	3	0	0	2	0	0
Hiler, cf.	0	0	0	0	0	1
Walts, rf.	1	0	0	0	0	0
	30	0	4	27	9	3

Rochester.	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Rago, 2b.	4	2	3	2	2	0
Norris, cf.	4	1	1	3	0	0
Straub, c.	5	0	1	11	2	0
Burns, 1b.	4	0	0	7	0	0
Kenyon, p.	3	1	1	0	0	0
Bishop, rf.	5	0	1	0	0	0
Zornow, lf.	4	2	1	1	0	0
Watts, ss.	3	1	1	3	4	0
Drojorsky, 3b.	4	1	0	0	1	1
	36	8	9	27	9	1

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Rochester 1 0 0 0 0 1 4 2 0—8

Two-base hits — Chatfield, Rago. Three-base hit—Straub. Stolen base—Chatfield. Left on bases—Hamilton 6, Rochester 8. Base on balls—Calkins 3, Knox 4, Kenyon 2. Struck out—Calkins 4, Knox 4, Kenyon 10.

PRIZE DEBATERS SPEAK TONIGHT

Six Seniors Will Discuss Imperialism

The sixty-first McKinney Prize Debate, to be held in the Chapel tonight, will center about the question: "Resolved, That this house deplores the growing tendency of the United States to extend its influence and control over other nations.

The six speakers who will appear are Lloyd V. Almirall, John H. Chapin, Edwin C. Douglas, Francis E. Mineka, George C. Sample and William C. Stevens. All the men are intercollegiate debaters of considerable experience.

In addition to an audience vote as to the merits of the presentation, five judges have been selected to decide the individual winners to whom the McKinney prizes will be awarded.

The judges include: James D. Rogers, '89; Edward S. Babcock, '96; Sherrlil Sherman, '04; Willett B. Sherman, '15, and F. Stanley Griffin, '18.

Calendar

Wednesday
McKinney Prize Debate.
Thursday
Memorial Day (No Classes)
Inter-class, inter-fraternity track meet at 10:30 a. m.
Baseball with N. Y. S. College at Clinton at 2.
Friday
Inter-class song contest at 8 p. m.
Sunday
Chapel preacher: Rev. Cady H. Allen, '07, of Hamadan, Persia.
Monday
Final examinations begin.

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"Inasmuch as law doth stand upon reason, to allege reason serveth as well as to cite Scripture."—Richard Hooker.

CONCERNING THE CHARLATANS

There is irony in the fact that those who are most active in the welfare of the college must inevitably bear the brunt of its scorn. Blessed are they who do nothing, for they shall escape personal criticism. We ask you, therefore, you who read "The Forum," filled this week by an undergraduate who modestly hides himself behind a pen name; we ask you to temper your judgements with considerable mercy. The president of the Charlatans, the coach, and the Charlatans themselves—for it is this group that "The Forum" concerns—all do more for the college than they will ever receive credit for. Anybody, however, who does anything creditable inevitably makes himself a target for criticism, which is sometimes sincere and justifiable. That is the spirit with which we would have you read the letter, and is likewise the spirit in which we hope the letter was written.

We cannot, however, with any degree of enthusiasm, censure the group for the selection of "Journey's End" for production this June. The play may involve difficulties which will leave much to be desired in the way of acting, but they are difficulties which we believe are overshadowed by the timeliness and reputation of the play itself. We can merely thank those that made its production at Hamilton possible and wait expectantly for the Charlatans to justify our faith in their selection. As a matter of fact, "Journey's End" was primarily written for amateurs and first produced by them.

In the remainder of the letter, two questions worth discussing are raised: First, are the Charlatans failing to live up to the reputation established by preceding groups; and, second, can the productions be improved by better selection and casting?

In discussing the first question, one has to discount the natural tendency of mortals to long for the "good old days." If possible, one must base arguments purely upon the facts of the case. As far as actual performances are concerned the Charlatans, with a single program to their credit to date, have shown less activity than in 1928-29, though practically as much as in previous years.

As to an improvement in casting and play-selection effecting a return of prestige, we, of course, admit that such an improvement in any players' organization would tend toward that result. We believe that concerning the Charlatans in particular, an increase in the number of productions is the essential thing. There is possibly however, some basis for the implication that experience rather than ability, if the two can be separated, is given too much consideration in castings. There is, perhaps, no ethical reason why presidents of the Charlatans should not occupy a leading role in every play; but there is certainly a diplomatic reason. It is only occasionally, if ever, that a president can be named who is capable of handling with equal facility a substantial role in every play.

The chief fault lies in the fact that tradition seems to demand too much of Charlatans' presidents. It is the institution and not the individual that is at fault. Possibly a competition for juniors, based upon ability to direct a production rather than ability to act, might solve the difficulty. The winner of the competition might be entitled "student director" and upon his shoulders the initiative for next year's program would rest. The change would mean actual instruction in play directing as well as in play acting. However meager the instruction, it would seem to be better than none; it would, perhaps, train presidents to be better able to assist Mr. Fanchr.

The objection to the present system, which demands in practice if not in theory, considerable acting by the presidents, is the same as that which is used against monarchial government. It is a good institution, provided you have the right man. The Charlatans in the future may not always be as fortunate in their selection as they been in the past.

Of course, as to extent of activity, if we criticize the Charlatans, we immediately are brought face to face with the old question of extra-cullicular activities versus scholastic attainments. We would presume that the college favors activity for the Charlatans, on the ground of consistency with its policy of giving scholastic credit for acting, as it does to a few students their junior year. But aside from the advantage to the student-actor, the Charlatans—and this same argument applies in a greater or less degree to all extra-curricular activities—advertise the college. Advertisement increases applications. An increase of applications means a wider field for selection. A wider field for selection means a higher type of student body. Good business proposition, these extra-curricular activities, and particularly the Charlatans.

TENNIS SEASON ENDS

Net Men Tie With State Teachers; Lose to R. P. I.

Another interrupted match against Albany State Teachers College, with a 2-2 tie score, and a 6-0 defeat by the strong R. P. I. team concluded the season of the Hamilton tennis team last Friday an Saturday.

With the best team it has had in years, R. P. I. had little difficulty in disposing of the inexperienced team last week-end.

At Albany on Friday, victories by Boeve and Kavakos in the singles evened the score 2-2, as the teachers won the other two singles engagements.

The scores:

ALBANY

Singles

Boeve (H) defeated Cooper (A) 6-1, 6-3.

Kavakos (H) defeated Herney (A) 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Tarbox (A) defeated Harwood (H) 7-5, 6-3.

Sprague (A) defeated Smelzer (H) 6-4, 6-4.

R. P. I.

Singles

Bourke (R) defeated Boeve (H) 6-0, 6-1.

Metz (R) defeated Kavakos (H) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Eggleston (R) defeated Harwood (H) 6-0, 6-0.

Moffett (R) defeated Smelzer (H) 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles

Bourke and Metz (R) defeated Boeve and Kavakos (H) 6-3, 6-3.

Eggleston and Hower (R) defeated Harwood and Smelzer (H) 6-0, 6-2.

FORUM

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Both sides of a controversy are herein presented. Inasmuch as this is the last issue of LIFE prior to Commencement, the editor has solicited an answer from the Charlatans to the unsigned communication printed below)

To the Editor of Hamilton Life:

It is the purpose of this letter to bemoan the pathetic and unnecessary decline of a once reputable and even renowned organization—namely, the Charlatans. Three years ago and more it was a highly respected organization. People are still talking about "Outward Bound," "The Bad Man," and "Is Zat So." We do not wish to be skeptical or pessimistic. It is to be hoped that the Commencement Play will atone for the mediocrity of Charlatan productions of this year and last. Still, we cannot expect too much of a Charlatan's performance of "Journey's End." It presents serious difficulties. It requires the most skillful acting, as those who have seen the play will testify. We have not the types suited to the roles—or, if we have, we are not to use them. Instead, we are to have 'experienced actors,' in some cases of questionable ability. A further problem is that of the dialogue. Naturally, the English accent cannot be adopted and undoubtedly this will do not a little violence to the atmosphere of the play. Enough of "Journey's End." We must await the performance in June.

The Charlatans have, without a doubt been losing prestige. Last year's performances, when reviewed frankly, cannot be considered eminently successful. There was an amateurish aspect to them that was entirely foreign to Charlatans traditions. The staging was unnecessarily crude; lighting was not used to advantage; the actors did their own make-up with outrageous results; the enunciation was appalling — in one performance particularly, no lines could be heard beyond the first three or four rows. Stage rules were broken with a vengeance. Leading characters were allowed to remain out of sight of the audience, either comfortably hidden in beds or well screened by partly drawn curtains. In fact, all sorts of amateurish shortcomings were forced on an unsuspecting audience — and what of this year? To date, the Charlatans have not recovered; they have given but **one** presentation at college and none outside. Undoubtedly that lone presentation was of questionable merit. The president of the organization himself felt that the plays were mediocre. He was, it seems, ashamed to take them to a nearby college for a performance when invited to do so. Yet, we, a tolerant audience, were allowed to see them. Is not the student body entitled to see the best of which the Charlatans are capable?

What then may we say is wrong with the organization? Why can't their productions be as successful as those of years past? Certainly we now have an excellent coach — entirely skilled and acquainted with the stage. The fault is not his. To be sure, he has given more of himself than the Charlatans deserve. But the fault can be traced to two causes, namely the choice of plays and the castings.

As for the choice of plays, we recommend that that be left in capable hands, those of the coach or of a well-chosen committee, so that in the future we need not duplicate indiscreet and unsuitable choices. For example, "Young Woodley" received not a little criticism last Commencement. Certainly it was not an immoral play. Indeed it has much in its favor if well presented. But perhaps it was bad taste to give it at Commencement time. It was also in bad taste to give "The Trouble With This Place" for House Party entertainment. And as to the "Octaroon," fortunately the mistake in the choice was discovered in time. After about a month of serious consideration, it finally dawned on the Charlatans that the play couldn't be given after all. The staging was too difficult; men couldn't play women's parts; and other troubles presented themselves. The Charlatans are to be congratulated on their astounding perception. Without a single rehearsal it became evident that the actors were incapable, and without the construction of costly sets the difficulties of staging became obvious. Of course, the time had not been wasted. There had been tryouts lasting three hours and a large cast had been happily chosen. Those who had roles for the first time had the pleasure of believing themselves Charlatans for at least a few weeks.

And as for casting, we can only suggest that the actors be chosen without prejudice or favoritism and on their actual fitness for the role. It very often happens that real actors are given minor roles or none at all in order to accommodate those who appear often and come to expect a part. Yet, even a true actor has his limitations and should not be forced into a role. It would seem wise therefore to choose more often a man who is of the type and of the temperament which the role requires. Inexperience or lack of an established reputation of a newcomer to the Charlatans should not hamper the coach. In fact, we have seen wonders worked with inexperienced men who take the Dramatic Interpretation Course. Even the best coach cannot be expected to produce results with obvious miscastings. If, **actually,** the desired type cannot be found, then and only then should the part be given to an actor who, though unsuited for the role, is enough of an actor to "carry the part."

And as a final consideration, it might be well for the Charlatans to use great care in choosing their officers, and select those who will submerge their own interests and aspirations to bring the Charlatans up to their former standard. When selecting a president for the Charlatans it should make little difference whether or not the nominee has a key. Whether he will devote his time and unselfish fforts to the organization and whether he can act and direct, those are the vital questions.

Perhaps these criticisms are severe. It is not our object to be unnecessarily carping. We merely hope that the Charlatans realize their shortcomings and that they will try to overcome them. It is to be hoped that next year will show a marked advance. There is certainly room for improvement. Meanwhile, we wish the Charlatans success for the coming year, and we hope that they will be able to climb to their former heights.

Interested By-Stander.

To the Editor of Hamilton Life:

This letter, to which I am replying, is quite evidently one of three things; or, perhaps a sorry mixture of all three. It is either a piece of colossal hypocrisy, a badly bungled and naive attempt at criticism, or an extremely bad joke. As any of these, it does not commend itself to the discerning reader.

The writer of this significant document appears to be a defeated man. Has he been defeated in the try-outs? It is fortunate that he has elected to shroud himself with the easy mask of anonymity. But, judging from the fact that the theme of faulty selection on the part of the casting committee, is the dominant note of his plaintive song, one is led to believe that either the author of this letter or a very near relative of his has lately suffered some unpleasantry of a species peculiar to those who cannot accept defeat gracefully. In such event, the latter is hopelessly prejudiced, and we may dismiss it for what it it, utter gibberish.

Perhaps the writer feels he is making an important contribution to criticism. But an examination of his puerile phrasing, an unbiased appraisal of the charges he has brought against the Charlatans, and an understanding of the heat and torment under which he has obviously written his letter, would seem to indicate that the author has not been moved by any special desire to check the Charlatans before they plunge into their greatest (and final?) act of folly, but that he has been motivated by the presence of a large and irksome chip on his shoulder. In removing this article he has made a very bad job of it, indeed. Witness his appeal to the good old days, his painful search for irrelevant details, and his curious digressions, such as intimating that the next president of the organization should not be a wearer of the key. Even the somewhat inadequate stage in the Soper Commons comes in for a share of his wrath. I assure him that none are more keenly aware of the deficiencies of this doubtful stage than those who have trod its creaking boards. The suggestion that the officers of the society are pushing prominent actors into the background while they, themselves, monopolize the limelight, preparatory, as far as we know, for the time when their names will first flash out over Broadway, is, of course pure drivel. And then there is always the problem of casting.

Any amateur group necessarily works under certain handicaps, and the Charlatans have by no means escaped these. However, if the staging is not altogether happy; if at times there appears to be a dearth of good acting material in our very small community, and if the choice of plays (chosen by a committee) does not always suit every one's taste, the Charlatans still have a tradition, still have followers, still have an interested body of students working for them, and still have the advantages of very able direction. Criticism, therefore, should come from a competent source, from a man

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Well, the other day I was hurrying to get to the Hall of Evil Odors to hear Nelsonrox Dale tell some of his funny stories about Tommy Trilobite and his big sister, Merry Mereganesiris. I had just ran past Hank Ford, who was tearing along the best he knew how. (That reminds me; next week I must tell you about the time I swam the English Channel). Well, I gets over to Nelsonrox's parlor and sits down. I often sit down there. Well, Nelsonrox starts to ask questions. Nobody seemed to know as much about the stuff as he did. And just because of that he had the effrontery to suggest that maybe some of the class weren't applying themselves very steady-like to their books, if any. Did you ever hear of such nerve? The perfect idea of suggesting that all of us kiddies didn't prepare every single teeny-weeny bit of every assignment. Something should be done about it.

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WHAT HAMILTON PROFS SAY TO THEIR WIVES

III.

Do you think I will get in CARPE DIEM this week?

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BURTON GETS RECRUIT

Generalissimo Burton and his Damnation Army have secured a recruit in their great spring offensive against the lawn in front of South. The latest addition to the Coughlin Cadets is none other than Horace S. Brown, well-known local frosh-flunker and chalk pusher. He has signed up with the artillery and was mowing down the grass by the thousands last Saturday. It is rumored that "Flatfoot" and "Crummy" Paterson are being held in reserve. Crist and Supe may be drafted any day now.

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All pseudo-geologists were surprised and interested to read in this great organ of misinformation that "Pre-Cambrian rocks, **dating back 500-1,000 years,** will be studied."

My, but us literati are smart apples.

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Carpe's detective bureau at last has Herr Haist in its power. The Clinton department of the bureau has had big news about the Terrible Teuton handed in at that office.

We instruct Herr Haist to answer the question to the best of his ability. The Clinton girls want to know why he is prone to view the landscape through opera glasses? Or are they field glasses? Answer, yes, or no.

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LAUGHS FROM THE LOBBYISTS

Among the tid-bits to be found in the propaganda received by **Life** is this gem from "The International Student," the trade organ of "The Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, Student Department of the World League Against Alcoholism":

> The observance of prohibition is a test of the effectiveness of popular government. Democracy faces uncertain days. Our ability to bring prohibition to success would help to prove to this generation that democracy should endure.

And this account of the triumph of rhetoric and oratory in Hawaii, as reported by the same journal:

> Each year for seven years, there has been held an Inter-Island Prohibition Public Speaking Contest among the public and private high school of the territory of Hawaii . . . Approximately 4,000 students of many nationalities enter this contest each year.

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CARPE ENTERS LISTS

Carpe Diem, like all good Hamiltonians, has a suggestion to further the age-old campaign for culture-in-carload-lots. Carpe ain't in favor of the Oxford system. He ain't opposed to it either. Carpe's idea is this: If culture must be promoted, how is for having some comfortable chairs in the library? The culture thus engendered should be equal to three editorials in **Life** and an issue of the "Lit."

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FORUM

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experienced in dramatics and familiar with the conditions on our Hill and not from some whining individual who is trying to pass this twaddle for an interdiction on the affairs of an undergraduate organization.

It is difficult to be patient with anything of this description. Stupid, silly things are said every day on the campus about teams and societies, but most of this sort of thing passes for gossip and is quickly forgotten. On the other hand, when stupid and silly things are vested with the authority of the printed word, they cease to be gossip. Then is the time to step on all this rot and throttle it before some poor demented creature takes it seriously. All I ask is that the reader of Hamilton **Life** contemplate our anonymous friends' letter with just the correct measure of irony, and he will find in it a well-spring of humor.

I remain, etc., etc.,
RICHARD A. ATKINS.

Tickets For Senior Ball Now On Sale

Senior Ball will be held this year on Friday, June 14, from 10 to 5, in the Soper Gymnasium. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are now on sale, and may be obtained from any member of the committee, or at the college store. The prcie will be $4 until Saturday evening, June 1; thereafter tickets will cost $5. The committee in charge consists of Walter E. Knox, chairman; Philip R. Adams and Sherwood C. Chatfield.

A 9-piece orchestra, George Palmer and his Red and Black Serenaders, of Harrisburg, Pa., has been secured for the ball. The Serenaders have played at several hotels in Harrisburg, and also on the Hill at both House Parties this year. The contract for decorations has been let to a professional decorator.

TRACK SEASON IS BEST IN YEARS

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Pole Vault—Brown (St. L.) 10 feet, 10 inches.

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In developing and training a track team that has been as successful as this year's squad, Coach Winters deserves highest praise. It is hoped that with the advent of new material from the present freshman class next year the Hamilton track squad will continue its good performances.

The individual records that show the points earned by men on the track squad this season are as follows: Ford, 61; DeSormo, 29; Frazee, 19¾; Lathrop, 19 7-12; Clark, 18 1-3; Aderhold, 16¾; Jayne, 16; Cutter, 14; Carson, 12 1-3; Tucker, 11; White, 9; Grubb, 8 1-3; Van Loon, 8; Carlisle, 8; Corwin, 6¾; Denham, 4¼; Douglas, 4¼; Fischer, 4; Hartman, 1½; Dutcher, Webster and Allen, 1 apiece.

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HIGH PRAISE FOR RECENT LIT ISSUE

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and one from the French by Edward L. Stevens, along with a translation of Sappho by Samuel A. Ives, are markedly superior to some verse that has appeared in earlier numbers of the **Lit.** In the dramatic section, Lloyd V. Almirall, in a characteristically chatty vein, continues his inimitable discussions of the Theater.

The current number includes a most commendable index to volume LVIII. A perusal of its items should afford the recent revivers and supporters of the **Lit** at least a few glows of pleasure.

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Walton Savercool, '27, Herbert Worboys, ex-'28, and Donald C. Carpenter, ex-'30, were back on the Hill and spent the week-end at the Lambda Chi Alpha House.

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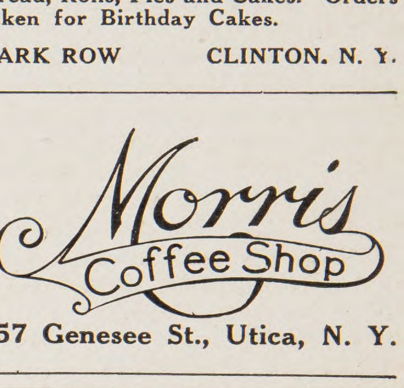

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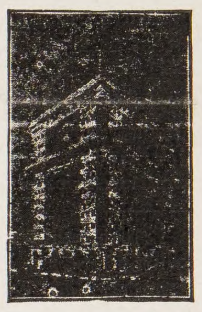
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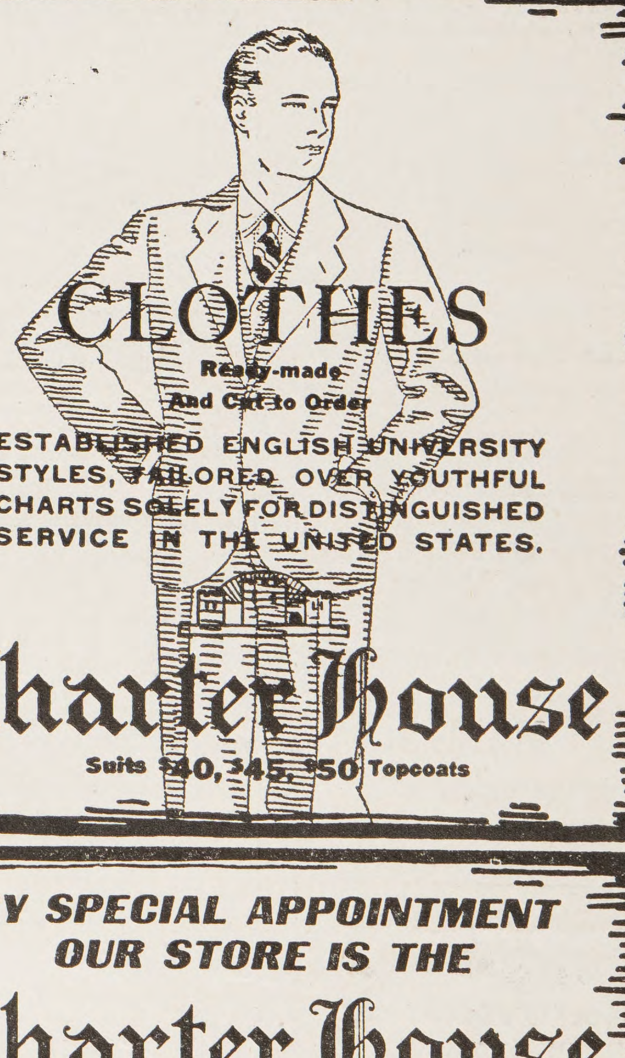
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JOSEPH FANNING TO HEAD NEWMAN CLUB

Officers Chosen At Communion Breakfast Sunday

Attended by 20 undergraduate members and five guests, a Communion Breakfast last Sunday morning at the St. Mary's Lyceum in Clinton officially closed the activities of the Newman Club for this year. Speakers included City Judge John T. Buckley of Utica, Father Shannon of the Clinton parish; E. M. Coughlin, Bursar of the college, and William J. Foley. Two alumni members, Bartle Gorman, '20, and Francis Burns, '21, were also present. Selected by a nomination committee, Joseph Fanning, was elected president; Joseph Ferlo, '30, vice-president; and William A. Monacelli, '32, secretary and treasurer for next year.

Judge Buckley, in his discussion, pointed out the fact that, just as a college education is a preparation for what is to come, membership in a religious organization, such as the Newman Club, is a preparation, a beginning for what is coming when one gets out into the world.

Mr. Coughlin talked on the financial side of college life. He said that more students should learn how to save so that when they get out into the world they can prepare themselves for the hardships and setbacks of old age.

Father Shannon and William Foley reviewed the work of the Newman Club during the past year and expressed hope for an even more active year, beginning next fall.

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INTRA-MURAL MEET

Memorial Day Will Witness Innovation in Hamilton Sports

An innovation in the athletic program of Hamilton College will be witnessed on Memorial Day, when the inter-class and inter-fraternity track meet will be held on Soper Field at 10:30. Track letter men will not be allowed to compete in this meet, while not more than three men from one fraternity will be permitted to participate in any one event.

The events will be run off only once, but separate scores will be recorded for both the inter-class and inter-fraternity championships. Individual medals and two trophies, one for the victorious fraternity in the next meet and the other for the winner in the relay, will be awarded, while the class results will count toward the All Sports Championship Plaque. The first five places will figure in the scoring. Preliminaries to the finals will be held Wednesday at 4:30.

LOST—A light gray topcoat, bearing an inside label "Cotrel & Leonard, Albany," by an alumnus of the college during House Party weekend. If any such coat has been found, will the finder please report it to Room No. 7, Carnegie.

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Albert I. Prettyman, director o athletics at Hamilton, was in New York April 27, where he attended a meeting of the hockey rules committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, of which committee he is now chairman. Proposed changes in hockey rules were discussed and will be announced at a later date.

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